

CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE: KIDS TALK ABOUT GUNS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Criminal Justice held a hearing on Caught in the Crossfire: Kids Talk About Guns. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BALLAST WATER CONTROL ACT

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Merchant Marine approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3360, Ballast Water Control Act.

FOREST SERVICE REFORM

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations concluded joint hearings on Forest Service Reform. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Jim Lyons, Assistant Secretary, Natural Resources and the Environment; and Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, Forest Service.

SCIENCE POLICY RENEWAL ACT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Science held a hearing on H.R. 3476, Science Policy Renewal Act of 1994. Testimony was heard from John H. Gibbons, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Bruce Alberts, President, National Academy of Sciences; and public witnesses.

COMPARATIVE RISK ANALYSIS AT THE STATE LEVEL

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology, Environment and Aviation held a hearing on Comparative Risk Analysis at the State Level. Testimony was heard from Charles M. Shulock, Assistant Secretary, Environmental Protection Agency, State of California; and public witnesses.

HEALTH SECURITY ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on H.R. 3600, Health Security Act, with emphasis on employer mandate and related provisions. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Friday, February 4, 1994

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Measures Introduced: Four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1827-1830.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1535, to amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate narrow restrictions on employee training, to provide a temporary voluntary separation incentive, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 103-223)

S. 1789, to amend title 23, United States Code, to permit the use of funds under the highway bridge replacement and rehabilitation program for seismic retrofit of bridges.

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Goals 2000: Educate America Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1150, to improve learning and teaching by providing a national framework for education reform, to promote the research, consensus building, and systemic changes needed to ensure equitable educational opportunities and high levels of educational achievement for all American students, to provide a framework for reauthorization of all Federal education programs, and to promote the development and adoption of a voluntary national system of skill standards and certifications, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

(1) Dorgan/Conrad Modified Amendment No. 1369, to require each local educational agency, as a condition for receiving Federal assistance, to implement a gun-free program in its schools.

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(2) By 78 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 24), Danforth/Kassebaum Amendment No. 1383, to express the sense of the Senate that local educational agencies should encourage a brief period of daily silence for students for the purpose of contemplating their aspirations.

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(3) Gorton Amendment No. 1385, to help local communities achieve Goal Six of the National Education Goals by strengthening local disciplinary control.

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(4) Pryor Amendment No. 1387, to provide for intergenerational mentoring programs.

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(5) Byrd Amendment No. 1391, to improve students' academic achievement.

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(6) Byrd Amendment No. 1392, to establish that every school in the United States will be free of drugs, alcohol, and violence by the year 2000.

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(7) Kennedy Amendment No. 1395, to make technical corrections.

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(8) Kennedy (Dole) Amendment No. 1396, to provide for a study of the impact of Goals 2000 school reforms on achievement and outcomes of students with disabilities.

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(9) Kennedy (for Danforth) Amendment No. 1397, to provide that a representative of a private, non-profit ele-

mentary and secondary school be represented on the State panel and jointly selected by the chairman of such panel.

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(10) Kennedy (for Chafee) Amendment No. 1398, to include firearms in the elements addressed by the sixth National Education Goal regarding safe and drug-free schools.

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(11) Kennedy (for Levin) Amendment No. 1399, to permit State educational agencies to use certain title III funds to support innovative and proven methods of enhancing a teacher's ability to identify student learning needs, and to motivate students to develop higher order thinking skills, discipline, and creative resolution methods, including significantly reducing class size and promoting instruction in chess.

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(12) Kennedy (for Domenici) Amendment No. 1400, to provide authority for the National Education Standards Improvement Council and its working group on voluntary national opportunity-to-learn standards to consider unsolicited proposals for such standards, and to require the Secretary of Education to award more than one opportunity-to-learn development grant.

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(13) Kennedy (for Domenici) Amendment No. 1401, to establish procedures by which members of the Goals Panel vote and reach final decisions.

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(14) Kennedy (for Moseley-Braun) Amendment No. 1402, to provide that the national opportunity-to-learn standards address the extent to which school facilities provide a safe and secure environment for learning and instruction and have the requisite libraries, laboratories, and other resources necessary to provide an opportunity-to-learn.

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(15) Kennedy/Pell/Hatfield Amendment No. 1403, relating to teacher education and professional development.

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(16) Kennedy (for Burns) Amendment No. 1404, to provide that nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize an officer or employee of the Federal Government to mandate, direct, or control the use by a public, private, religious, or home school of any curricular framework, instructional material, examination, assessment or system of assessment.

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(17) Kennedy (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 1405, to protect children from exposure to environmental tobacco smoke in the provision of children's services.

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(18) Kennedy (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1406, to make technical changes regarding educational technology.

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(19) Kennedy (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 1407, to express the sense of the Senate that States should de-

velop and adopt challenging State content standards and challenging State student performance standards in academic areas.

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(20) Kennedy (for Stevens) Amendment No. 1408, to establish educational programs to benefit Alaska Native students.

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(21) Kennedy (for Pell) Amendment No. 1409, to provide for education improvement programs.

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(22) Kennedy (for Glenn) Amendment No. 1410, to provide assistance for Home Instruction Programs for Pre-school Youngsters.

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(23) Kennedy (for Bond) Amendment No. 1411, to establish parents as teachers programs.

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(24) Kennedy (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1412, to express the sense of the Congress that Federal education programs that provide assistance to elementary and secondary education students should include authorizations for establishing mentoring, peer counseling and peer tutoring programs.

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(25) Kennedy (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1413, to make technical changes to the State plan.

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(26) Kennedy (for Hatch) Amendment No. 1414, to make technical changes to the State plan.

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(27) Kennedy (for Roth) Amendment No. 1415, to reaffirm the role of State and local governments in educational governance.

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(28) Kennedy Amendment No. 1416, to amend the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program.

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(29) Kennedy (for McConnell) Amendment No. 1417, expressing the sense of the Senate that Federal tax laws should not preclude States from promoting higher education savings plans.

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(30) Kennedy (for Gorton) Amendment No. 1418, to ensure that representatives of distance learning consortia, and representatives of telecommunications partnerships receiving assistance under the Star Schools Program Assistance Act, are involved in developing a national long-range plan that promotes higher student achievement through the use of technology in education, and to require such plan to describe how the Secretary of Education will utilize the outcomes of the evaluation undertaken pursuant to section 908 of the Star Schools Program Assistance Act.

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(31) Kennedy (for Gorton) Amendment No. 1419, to ensure that State panels conduct outreach to involve secondary school students in certain activities.

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(32) Jeffords/Gregg/Dodd Amendment No. 1420, to express the sense of the Senate that the Federal Government should provide States and communities with adequate resources under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as soon as reasonably possible, through the reallocation of funds within the current budget monetary constraints.

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Withdrawn:

(1) Kennedy Amendment No. 1375 (to Amendment No. 1369), to express the sense of the Senate regarding guns in schools.

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(2) Jeffords (for Helms) Amendment No. 1422 (to Amendment No. 1394), in the nature of a substitute.

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(3) Sarbanes (for Levin) Amendment No. 1423 (to Amendment No. 1394), to establish that these provisions shall take effect 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

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Pending:

(1) Coats Amendment No. 1386, to provide a low-income school choice demonstration program.

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(2) Grassley Amendment No. 1388, to prohibit the use of certain funds for activities related to a student's personal values, attitudes, beliefs, or sexual behavior without certain consent, notification, access to information, and an opportunity for a hearing, to provide for enforcement of such prohibition, and to require the Secretary of Education to designate or establish an office and review board within the Department of Education.

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(3) Mack Amendment No. 1389, to achieve significant school reform and innovation through empowering parents, students, teachers, and local school boards.

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(4) Helms Amendment No. 1390, to prohibit the use of funds to support the distribution or provision of condoms or other contraception devices or drugs to an unemancipated minor without the prior written consent of such minor's parent or guardian.

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(5) Kennedy/Jeffords Amendment No. 1393, to ensure that all federally funded programs which provide for the distribution of contraceptive devices to unemancipated minors develop procedures to encourage family participation in such programs.

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(6) Levin Amendment No. 1394, to provide that no funds shall be denied to any State or local agency because

it has adopted a constitutional policy relative to prayer in public schools.

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(7) Jeffords/Gregg/Dodd Amendment No. 1420, to express the sense of the Senate that the Federal Government should provide States and communities with adequate resources under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as soon as reasonably possible, through the reallocation of funds within the current budget constraints.

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(8) Kennedy Amendment No. 1421 (to Amendment No. 1388), in the nature of a substitute.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for votes to occur on certain of the pending amendments on Tuesday, February 8, 1994, beginning at 10 a.m.

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School-to-Work Opportunities Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for consideration of S. 1361, to establish a national framework for the development of School-to-Work Opportunities systems in all States, with a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and certain amendments to be proposed thereto.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Frank James Anderson, of Indiana, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Indiana for the term of 4 years.

Jack O. Dean, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas for the term of 4 years.

Laurent F. Gilbert, of Maine, to be United States Marshal for the District of Maine for the term of 4 years.

Nannette Holly Hegerty, of Wisconsin, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Wisconsin for the term of 4 years.

James W. Lockley, of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Florida for the term of 4 years.

Kay Collett Goss, of Arkansas, to be an Associate Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—24)

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Recess: Senate convened at 8:30 a.m., and recessed at 6:49 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, February 7, 1994. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page 1345.)

Committee Meetings

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of William W. Ginsberg, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Richard Thomas Moore, of Massachusetts, to be Associate Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Jesse L. White, Jr., of North Carolina, to be Federal Co-Chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission, and Brig. Gen. Eugene S. Witherspoon, USA, to be a Member and President of the Mississippi River Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Moore was introduced by Senator Kerry.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of David N. Merrill, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and Sandra L. Vogelgesang, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SOUTH ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine current developments in South Asia, after receiving testimony from Robin L. Raphel, Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee resumed hearings on the Administration's proposed Health Security Act, to establish comprehensive health care for every American, focusing on guaranteed preventive and primary care benefits, receiving testimony from Edwin C. Hustead, Hay/Huggins Company, Inc., and Gail Shearer, Consumers Union, both of Washington, D.C.; Margaret H. Jordan, Southern California Edison Company, Rosemead, California; Cindy Mann, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Boston, Massachusetts; Ronald Burd, The Deveraux Foundation, Devon, Pennsylvania; and William H. Straub, Westport, Connecticut, on behalf of the Jackson Hole Group.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, February 8.

House of Representatives

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The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held at noon on Monday, February 7.

Committee Meetings

LABOR—HHS—EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue February 9.

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislation held a hearing on the GAO. Testimony was heard from Charles A. Bowsher, Comptroller General of the United States, GAO.

DRIVER'S PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights continued hearings on H.R. 3365, Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 1993. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEALTH CARE REFORM—THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health continued hearings on Health Care Reform: The Administration's Health Care Reform Proposals. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue February 7.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee held hearings on the employment-unemployment situation for January, receiving testimony from Katharine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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